

WRITTEN OPINION
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International
File No.
PCT/DE2004/001609

Re Point V.

- 1 In the present opinion reference is made to the following document:

D1: EP 1 304 251 A (BAYERISCHE MOTOREN WERKE AG) April
23, 2003 (2003-04-23)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

- 2.1 The present Application does not meet the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT, because the object of Claim 1 is not novel as defined by Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D1 discloses a cruise control system for motor vehicles having a stop-and-go function for automatically keeping the vehicle stopped and a shutoff function for automatically shutting off the cruise control system when the brake pedal is being operated, and the shutoff function is not operational if predefined conditions are met, including the condition that the velocity is not greater than a predefined shutoff velocity.

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2, 4 through 9

Claims 2, 4 through 9 contain no features which, in combination with the feature of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of PCT regarding novelty and inventive step.

4 DEPENDENT CLAIM 3

The features contained in Claim 3 are neither known nor obvious from the related art.

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